

MR. MILLS TALKS.

WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT THE TARIFF BILL.

The Internal-Revenue Question—John Sherman's Semanitary—Holding for the Anti-Chinese Vote.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1. Chairman Mills to-day submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means the tariff bill prepared by the Democratic members of the committee. The bill is purely a tariff bill, and is confined entirely to customs duties. It does not touch the subject of internal revenue taxation. That will be embraced in a separate bill which will provide for the repeal of the tobacco tax and probably of the tax on fruit-brandies. As the bill stands now it reduces the customs duties about \$25,000,000. The repeal of the tobacco tax would make another reduction of about \$20,000,000, so that the aggregate amount of taxation of which the country would be relieved would be about \$45,000,000. Mr. Mills said to-day that two or three hundred articles would be placed upon the free list. That is, they would be taken off the tariff making up the free list not to interfere in any way with the industries of our people, and where any foreign country had a tax upon any specific article the present duty on that article would be preserved. In the case of iron and steel, the tariff would be reduced to one-half the present rate. The reduction being only twenty-two cents per ton. In the case of steel rails the reduction is 36 cents per ton, but leaves a very handsome profit to the steel trusts that now control the manufacture of that article. The committee would also introduce a bill for the repeal of the tobacco tax, which the House must incorporate with the tariff bill. The general impression is that this will be done so as to insure the passage of both measures, constituting a harmonious policy, which the Democratic party may present to the country for its approval.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Sherman took advantage of a pending resolution requesting the President to negotiate a treaty with China, and said that whatever differences of opinion there had been in the Senate or the country in regard to the restriction of Chinese immigration, the time had come when the Chinese laborer should be excluded from this country, because he would not adapt himself to our civilization.

Mr. Sherman stated for the benefit of Mr. Sherman that the Administration had already anticipated this resolution, and the Secretary of State was now negotiating a treaty with China on that basis. It is rather late in the day for such a statement, but Mr. Sherman said that he was not aware of any such statement.

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HIS NECK SAFE.

SENTENCE OF A NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE-BURNER COMMUTED.

Improvement for Life—Drowned in the Presence of His Children—Sheriff Seriously Hurt.

(Special telegraph to the Dispatch.)

RALPH, N. C., March 1.—Governor Scales to-day commuted the death sentence of Allen McCarthy, a prisoner for life, to imprisonment for life. McCarthy was under sentence to be hanged at Statesville on the 16th instant. He was convicted last May of arson. The house which was burned was a small tenement in the country. The evidence on which McCarthy was convicted was purely circumstantial. Commutation was granted upon the recommendation of the solicitor and of persons who heard the trial.

Before yesterday Lord Jeffries (colored), of Lockville, Chatham county, was drowned while on his way to his fish-traps in the stream in the presence of his children, who were standing on the bank, but could give no aid.

The Cape Fear river is at full flood. In many sections the lowlands are covered. Much drift is coming down the stream, and it requires constant clearing of the bridges and trestle-work.

It is now pretty definitely understood that W. A. Anderson, one of the famous Mitchell county murderers, is in hiding in Madison county, being carefully concealed by relatives there.

The family of Ray Anderson, his associate in the crime, have left the State and gone West, presumably to join him. In Davison county Deputy-Sheriff W. N. Kinney was seriously wounded by Henry Bloomer, whom he had a fight with in jail. Kinney's skull is fractured. The physicians cannot yet say whether his life can be saved.

Much interest is manifested in the results of the partial exploration of the Dan river, which is being made by the U. S. Fish Commission. The work will be commenced at an early day on the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina road, which will run through Onslow county and connect with the road coming this way from Newbern.

Mysterious Suicide in a Chicago Hotel.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, March 1.—Mrs. Heaton Manice, wife of a prominent Chicago lawyer, was found dead in her room at the Leland Hotel in New York, shot herself through the heart in her room at 1 o'clock this morning. The case is sensational and mysterious. It is said that Mrs. Manice, who was an actress, married young Heaton Manice a year ago, while the latter was travelling in Europe. Heaton Manice had charged his wife with adultery, and that a divorce suit was pending. James Goggin, the commissioner in the New York court, said to a reporter that he had been taking testimony in the case, and that he was not sure of the facts.

The heavy rain has caused extensive flooding in the eastern section. Some of the rivers, particularly the Neuse and Trent, have overflowed many farms, and all of the eastern section of Duplin county is flooded. The result will be further retard farming operations in those localities.

The fish, oyster, and game fair which is to be held at Newbern, beginning on the 13th of this month, is now well under way as far as preparations are concerned. It will be held in the spacious grounds of the Newbern Hotel. The fair is a grand success. It is the largest fair ever held in the State. It is the largest fair ever held in the State. It is the largest fair ever held in the State.

The commissioners of agriculture returned to-day from their tour of inspection of the State after having held farm institutes in nine counties. They were successful, and have aroused a very desirable interest among the farmers, to whom all their methods are new. The work among the farmers in the way of increasing the membership of the Farmers' Association has been very successful. The principal subject of discussion was whether the constitution of the Farmers' Association should be changed. The association was organized for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Farmers' Association.

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The report that the shops of the Carolina Central railway, at Laurinburg, were to be removed to this city, proved to be not well founded. The shops will remain at Laurinburg, and they will become the property of the Carolina Central railway.

Mad-dogs are causing considerable alarm in half a dozen or more sections of the State. Many dogs are being slaughtered. Last night Mr. George H. Glass, manager of the telephone exchange here, was attacked on the head with a heavy stick by Mr. E. P. Stone, the affair being the result of a quarrel.

A State prohibition convention is called to meet at Greensboro May 16th. This is in line with the announcement made a few days ago that there would be a third State prohibition convention. A leading prohibitionist was asked if it did not mean that, and replied that his people would consult their own interests.

To-day the official announcement was made in the Republican Standard that Oliver H. Lusk had been elected upon the ticket for Governor of the State, and that he would be the candidate for Governor.

The collections for internal revenue in this district for February were \$82,692.74.

The catch of fish in nets in the sounds is about as great as last season. J. G. Aderhold, who shot Andrew Connelly at Hickory a few days ago, has been acquitted. The killing was clearly done in self-defense.

A negro lad named Edwards, who was playing with a pig in the street, was killed by a pig. The pig was accidentally shot and died in a few minutes.

There are loud complaints of the abolition of the collectors' offices at Ocoke and Hatters and the discharge of the deputies and boatmen.

"I'M GOING TO SHOOT!"

(Special telegraph to the Dispatch.)

THE RESULT OF CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT.

SALISBURY, N. C., March 1.—The Will Keen jury brought in a verdict this morning of guilty of manslaughter; at which time the jury was discharged. The jury had found the prisoner guilty, but would not insist on the extreme rigor of the law, and only wanted justice meted. The attorneys for the defense prayed the mercy of the Court, citing the youth, the family, the character of the prisoner, and the relation between the deceased and defendant, and the unwillingness of the family of the deceased to prosecute. Judge Connor then took the matter under advisement, and while doing so a member of the deceased family, who was in the courtroom, was called to the penitentiary.

This, it is supposed, influenced the judge to leniency, and he this afternoon sentenced the prisoner to two years in the penitentiary. Not being satisfied with the result, the prisoner is now in the penitentiary.

Base-Ball Tourists. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Hewitt, Manager Ted Sullivan, and thirteen members of the Washington Base-Ball Club left this city this morning for the South. They will go direct to New Orleans, where they will play the club of that city, and then visit the principal cities of the South, returning here March 31st to open the regular season.

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When the firemen arrived they saw what a formidable fire they had to cope with, and Second Assistant Chief McCabe without a moment's hesitation sent out the 3-6 alarm, bringing to the scene twenty-one engine companies, eight hook-and-ladder companies, and a water tower. The fire broke out in the northwest corner of the Potter & Styms building, and owing to the inflammable nature of the materials it contained, the flames ran through